

Abstract

[0039] Systems and methods that may provide
speculators an opportunity to invest in items and
markets that, in the past, were not liquid enough to
5 allow for investment by the general public are
provided. Systems and methods for creating indices for
these items or markets are also provided. One
embodiment of the systems and methods of the invention
pertains to the trading of futures and/or options
10 contracts based on an intellectual property assets
index. This embodiment allows investors to invest in
or hedge against the success or failure of a company's
or group of companies' intellectual property assets.
Another embodiment of the systems and methods of the
15 invention pertains to the trading of futures and/or
options contracts based on a bankruptcy index. This
embodiment may provide investors with protection from
losses associated with the bankruptcy of one or more
companies.